



## Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays  
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January 07, 2023

### The Epiphany of the Lord

#### Mass Readings for the Solemnity of the Epiphany, Cycle A:

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah 60:1-6*. The prophet is trying to cheer the exiles by foretelling the glorious future of the new Jerusalem which is not yet rebuilt. The special radiance of God will illuminate it. Gentiles will bring their riches to it. From East and West peoples will flock to it. The Feast of the Epiphany is the feast which commemorates the manifestation of God to the Gentiles. This manifestation began when the Wise Men from the East came to Bethlehem to pay their respects and offer their gifts to the newly-born king of the Jews. Though the words of Isaiah were not understood by his hearers as referring to this event, it was only in the coming of the Magi, to welcome Christ, that they were really fulfilled.

The **Second Reading** is taken from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3; 5-6*. St. Paul's thoughts in his prison in Rome are not for himself nor for the fate that awaits him. He is thinking instead of the mission Christ gave him, to evangelize the Gentile nations. He has done much already, and even in prison he does all he can to continue the good work. He writes to his Gentile converts from Rome, to remind them of their great privilege in being called to the Christian faith. They are now God's new Chosen People, they are now members of Christ's mystical body.

The **Gospel of today's feast**, is from the *Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12*. The Magi are the central personages in today's feast of Epiphany. They were pagans who did not know the true God of the Jews. Yet that true God revealed to them that the King he had promised to the Jews had come. The expected Prince was born. They came to Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, expecting, of course, to find the city and the whole country rejoicing. Instead they found suspicion and hatred in the reigning king—a hatred which in a few days turned to murder. Among the religious leaders they found knowledge of their past history, but utter indifference as regards the present and the future. These leaders knew the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem; they must have realized that the Magi were very sure of the truth revealed to them—they would not have come such a long journey on a "fool's errand." In spite of that, the thought of going to Bethlehem with the Magi never entered their minds. These were the leaders who some years later refused to listen to Christ and in spite of his miracles refused to admit his claim that he was not only the promised Messiah, but the true Son of God. These were men who rejected him because he had mercy on sinners, and spoke of a future life. What they wanted from their Messiah was political power and earthly freedom and prosperity. Like Herod they ended with murder—the crucifixion of the "King of the Jews." The pagan king was not much worse than the indifferent leaders of God's Chosen People. Let us resolve to make the Magi our models, to follow them to Bethlehem and offer Christ all that we have and are.

—Adapted from *The Sunday Readings*  
by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — Pius Parsch

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the Magnificat at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (Ceremonial of Bishops). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts. — *Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year*, Msgr. Peter J. Elliott, Ignatius Press.

**Collection**  
**December 31, 2022**

<b>Envelopes Jan 01</b>	<b>\$115.00</b>
<b>Initial Offering</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>
	<b>\$280.00</b>

**NOTICES:**

**1: Moving to Vestry:** We will be moving into the Lady of Guadalupe Chapel (Vestry) for the winter next Saturday

**2: Un-Decorating:** The decoration will be taken down after ass today, all are welcome to stay and help.

**3: HGA:** Parishioners of Holy Guardian Angels Parish in L'Ardoise invite friends and families to join us as we commence celebrations for our 200th birthday on Sunday, January 8th. Beginning at 3:00 P.M we will celebrate eucharist followed by a reception at the L'Ardoise Community Centre. Our theme banner will be unveiled along with a display of over 60 family banners. Everyone is welcome.

**4: Sewing, knitting, handwork Thursdays:** Will start again on Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>, they will run from 1 pm until 3:30.

There is no charge for the classes because the Fire Department does not charge us for the room. If anyone would like to contribute to a donation I'll have a collection box and you can add a loonie or toonie when you attend if you wish.

If you have questions my phone number is 902 631 0209.

**5: Gentle Yoga Flow** - Connect to your breath and body and let go of your stress, worries and burdens. With a focus on action, alignment and breath, this practice features a nice tempo to find what feels good and listen to the body. This sequence is easy on the wrists and great for the spine. A good practice for those new to yoga - also great for fast paced yogis who want to keep a healthy and well-balanced yoga practice.

Instructor: Lynne Doucette

District 10 Fire Hall – Red Islands

Tuesday's for 6 weeks, beginning January 10 – **NOTE: The first class will start on Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup>.**

1:30 – 3:00 pm, Fee: \$30.00

To register for a program, please contact Ronalda Boudreau at 902-226-0663 or by email at rboudreau@richmondcounty.ca.

**6: Chair Yoga** United Church Hall, St. Peter's Tuesdays, for 6 weeks, beginning January 10 10:00 am – 11:15 am, Fee: \$25.00 Instructor: Lynne Doucette

**7: Water in the Church:** The water has been turned off in the church.